RENO

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Reno City Council

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 ● 12:00 PM

Reno City Council Chamber, One East First Street, Reno, NV 89501

Robert A. Cashell, Sr., Mayor

Council Members:

Ward 1 – Jenny Brekhus Ward 4 – Dwight Dortch Ward 2 – Sharon Zadra Ward 5 – Neoma Jardon Ward 3 – Oscar Delgado At-Large – Hillary Schieve

A Introductory Items

- A.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- A.2 Observance of a Moment of Silence
- A.3 Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert Cashell	Mayor	Present	
Jenny Brekhus	Council Member	Present	
Sharon Zadra	Council Member	Present	
Oscar Delgado	Council Member	Present	
Dwight Dortch	Vice Mayor	Present	
Neoma Jardon	Council Member	Present	
Hillary Schieve	Council Member	Present	
Andrew Clinger	City Manager	Present	

The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.

A.4 Public Comment

Leonard Gilbert Munoz, 10760 Clear Vista Drive, discussed his opposition to Reno Fire Department layoffs.

Ruth Hilty, 3855 Gibraltar Drive, discussed her opposition to Reno Fire Department layoffs.

Melanie Lazear, 465 Stradella Court, discussed her opposition to the proposed Reno Fire Department layoffs.

Brian Holm, 255 North Sierra Street #609, Head Swim Coach for Reno Aquatic Club, discussed the importance of maintaining the Northwest Swimming Pool.

Mike Ginsburg, 4690 Sommerville Way, representing Sierra Nevada Community Aquatics (SNCA), discussed the upcoming Fourth Annual Adopt-a-Pool event.

Chip Hobson, 1480 Coronet Drive, representing SNCA, discussed the importance of preserving the Northwest Swimming Pool.

Chris Oberg, Reno resident, discussed the dangers of the wood boring beetle to Reno's trees, and stated that there should be a ban on firewood to help curtail their spread.

Mark Markel, 48 Park Street, discussed the dangers of drinking and driving.

Billy Howard, 1515 Sutterbrook Way, presented an update on the puppy mill-free initiative.

Sam Dehne, Reno resident, discussed several issues.

A.5 City Manager Announcements (Item for general announcements and informational items only. No deliberation or action will be taken on this item.)

City Manager Clinger announced the upcoming budget workshop, the City of Reno's medical marijuana establishment workshop; special events to celebrate Reno's 150th birthday; and the results of the City's video contest.

A.6 Approval of the Agenda (For Possible Action) - April 30, 2014.

The agenda was approved with Item D.2 withdrawn, Item D.1 heard before Items C.1 through C.3 (Proclamations), and Item J.3 heard after Items C.1 through C.3 (Proclamations).

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

A.7 Approval of Minutes (For Possible Action) - April 16, 2014 Reno City Council Meeting and April 16, 2014 Joint Reno City Council and Anti Graffiti Task Force meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

A.7.1 City Council - Regular - Apr 16, 2014 12:00 PM

A.7.2 City Council - Joint Special - Apr 16, 2014 3:00 PM

B Cash Disbursements

B.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of Cash Disbursements Reports for March 30, 2014 through April 12, 2014. 12:42 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends to accept the attached Cash Disbursements reports.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

C Proclamations

C.1 Proclamation declaring the week of May 11, 2014 as Peace Officers Memorial Week - Steve Pitts, Chief, Reno Police Department. 1:13 PM

Council Member Zadra, on behalf of Mayor Robert A. Cashell, Sr., and the City of Reno, proclaimed the week of May 11, 2014, as Peace Officers Memorial Week.

C.2 Proclamation declaring the month of May 2014 as Older Americans Month - Julee Conway, Director, Parks, Recreation and Community Services. 1:02 PM

Council Member Jardon, on behalf of Mayor Robert A. Cashell, Sr., and the City of Reno, proclaimed the month of May 2014 as Older Americans Month.

C.3 Proclamation declaring the month of May 2014 as National Drug Court Month - Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes, Reno Municipal Court. 1:10 PM

Council Member Delgado, on behalf of Mayor Robert A. Cashell, Sr., and the City of Reno, proclaimed the month of May 2014 as National Drug Court Month.

D Presentations

D.1 Presentation of Chief's Certificates of Commendation for response, involvement, and professionalism during the shooting on the Renown Campus - Steve Pitts, Chief, Reno Police Department. 12:42 PM

Steve Pitts, Chief of the Reno Police Department, presented the Chief's Certificates of Commendation.

D.2 Economic Development Update - Noah Silverman, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Reno Bike Project.

E Consent Agenda

A RECESS WAS CALLED AT 2:33 P.M. AND UPON RECONVENING AT 2:46 P.M., ALL WERE PRESENT.

Items E.1 through E.12 were approved with item E.13 pulled for discussion.

E.1 Approval of Privileged Business Licenses

E.1.a New - Alcohol

1. Brothers Barbecue, Joe Orduna, 463 Roberts Street - Dining Room Wine and Beer (For Possible Action) [Ward 3]

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

2. Duncan Community Golf Services, Inc., Thomas Peter Duncan, 6800 Pembroke Drive - Bar (For Possible Action) [Ward 3]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberSECONDER:Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.1.b Supplemental - Alcohol

1. New West Distributing, Inc., John Edwin Beal, 325 East Nugget Avenue - Wholesale Beer (For Possible Action) [Not in City]

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberSECONDER:Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of an updated Interlocal Agreement between the City of Reno, on behalf of the Reno Police Department, the City of Sparks, on behalf of the Sparks Police Department, and Washoe County, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, to move the Regional Sex Offender Notification Unit administrative duties from the City of Reno Police Department to the City of Sparks Police Department. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve the Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.3 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the 2014 Annual Operating Plan for the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Reno and the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office and authorization for the Mayor to sign. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the 2014 Annual Operating Plan between the BLM and the City of Reno and authorization for Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2014 AOP.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.4 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of the 2014 Annual Operating Plan for the Cooperative Fire Protection Agreement between the City of Reno and the US Forest Service – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and authorization for the Mayor to sign. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the 2014 Annual Operating Plan between the City of Reno and the US Forest Service - Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, and authorization for Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2014 AOP.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.5 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a Performance Contract Audit Assistance Grant from the Nevada State Office of Energy to cover the cost of the Financial Grade Audit performed by Ameresco, Inc. at Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility, in the amount of \$149,835. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council accept the Performance Contract Audit Assistance Grant from the Nevada State Office of Energy in the amount of

\$149,835.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.6 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of a Lease Agreement between the City of Reno and The Service Companies for leasing Suite 604 of City Hall, located at 1 East First Street, Reno, Nevada. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval for the Lease Agreement between the City of Reno and The Service Companies for leasing Suite 604 of City Hall and authorize the Mayor or designee to sign all necessary documents for the lease of this property.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.7 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of an Agreement with Balance Hydrologics Inc. for Implementation of the Truckee Meadows Regional Storm Water Quality Sampling and Analysis Plan in the amount of \$95,113. (Funding to be reimbursed by the Regional Water Management Fund and Nevada Department of Transportation). 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve the Agreement with Balance Hydrologics Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.8 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Endorse and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to relinquish to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County certain Truckee River water rights appurtenant to NDOT roadways and right-of-ways within the Truckee Meadows. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council endorse and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) to relinquish to the Cities of Reno and Sparks and Washoe County, Truckee River water rights appurtenant to NDOT roadways and right-of ways within the Truckee Meadows.

Proposed Motion: I move to accept staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.9 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of a Consulting Agreement for Construction Management Services with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF) Ameresco Energy Cost Savings Project in an amount not to exceed \$399,000, with the City of Reno's portion being \$273,833.70 (Sewer Enterprise Fund). 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve the Agreement for construction management services with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for services as described in the attached proposal in an amount not to exceed \$399,000 (Reno's share being \$273,833.70 from the Sewer Enterprise Fund) and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Agreement.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.10 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Reyman Bros. Construction for the Base Bid, Force Account and Alternate 2 for Northwest Pool Roof Reconstruction and ADA Upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$1,104,484.98 (Capital Improvement Plan). 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the award of contract to Reyman Bros. Construction in an amount not to exceed \$1,104,484.98 for the base bid, force account and alternate 2 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.11 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of a Parks Maintenance Agreement with Millcreek Homeowners Association for maintenance of Donner Party Park, located at 4385 Rio Poco Road, and ±950 linear feet of landscaping along McCarran Boulevard west of Rio Poco Road. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council approve the Parks Maintenance Agreement with the Millcreek Homeowners Association.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberSECONDER:Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.12 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Award of Contract to Reno-Tahoe Construction (RTC) for the base bid and one alternate for an accessible route and parking at the Reno Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$214,677.34 (Grant Funds). 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the award of contract to Reno-Tahoe Construction in an amount not to exceed \$214,677.34 for the base bid and one alternate and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberSECONDER:Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

E.13 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Acceptance of a cash donation from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to the City of Reno for graffiti removal efforts in the amount of \$1,000. 2:46 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approve a cash donation from Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to the City of Reno.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve the staff recommendation.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

Council Member Jardon accepted the donation on behalf of Mayor Robert A. Cashell, Sr., and the City of Reno.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

F Public Hearings - 12:15 PM

F.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Introduction - Bill No. ______ Case No. TXT14-00006 (Discretionary Review Exemption for Certain Accessory Solar Projects) - Ordinance amending Reno Municipal Code Title 18 "Annexation and Land Development," Chapters 18.06 and 18.08 in order to allow accessory solar structures without discretionary review, together with other matters properly relating thereto. [All Wards] 2:48 PM

Recommendation: The Planning Commission recommends Council approve the requested text amendment by ordinance.

Proposed Motion: I move to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The Mayor asked if proper notice was given.

City Clerk Jones stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

Mayor Cashell opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Richard Hamilton, Reno resident, presented a Public Comment Form in support of the ordinance, but did not speak.

The Mayor closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

Bill No. 6901 was referred for a second reading and adoption.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

RESULT: FIRST READ [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

G Ordinances - Adoption

G.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6899 Case No. ANX14-00005 (7990 Tholl Drive) Ordinance annexing to and making part of the City of Reno certain specifically described territory being ±0.92 acres of property located on the southeast corner of Tholl Drive and Cassilis Drive in the Special Planning Area/Reno-Stead Joint Corridor Plan/Low Density Suburban land use designation, Washoe County, Nevada, together with other matters properly relating thereto. [Ward 4] 2:49 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Ordinance No.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. _____.

Bill No. 6899, Ordinance No. 6330 was passed and adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

G.2 Ordinance Adoption - Bill No. 6900 (For Possible Action): Ordinance confirming the proceedings taken in providing for the City of Reno, Nevada 2013 Special Assessment District No. 1. 2:49 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adoption of Ordinance No.

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Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Ordinance No. _____.

Bill No. 6900, Ordinance No. 6331 was passed and adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member
SECONDER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H Resolutions

H.1 **Resolution No. 7966**: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No.

______ Resolution approving a grant to the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) Foundation for a temporary installation of Burning Man art at the Lear Theater for the June 6-7, 2014 TEDx Conference in the amount of \$4,500 (Room Tax Fund). 2:50 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No. _____ approving a grant in the amount of \$4,500 to the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) Foundation, for sponsorship of a

	temporar 2014	ry installation of Burning Man art at the Lear Theater for the June 6-7, TEDx Conference.
	Propose	d Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No
Mana	ger, discus	r Brekhus and Christine Fey, Resource Development and Cultural Affairs sed issues related to room tax funds, and Council Member Brekhus said ier requested a spreadsheet detailing regional room tax allocations.
		Director of the Office of Management and Budget, said that staff would down of room tax allocations at the next budget workshop.
Resol	ution No. '	7966 was adopted.
	ULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
	VER:	Sharon Zadra, Council Member
AYE	ONDER: S:	Hillary Schieve, Council Member Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
H.2	night per	on No. 7967: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No Resolution approving sponsorship to Artown for opening and closing rformances of the 2014 Artown Festival by the Reno Arts and Culture sion in the amount of \$15,000 (Room Tax Fund). 2:54 PM
	Recomn	nendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No
D 1	_	d Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No
Resol	ution No.	7967 was adopted.
	ULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
	VER:	Oscar Delgado, Council Member
AYE	ONDER: S:	Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve
Н.3	Resoluti	on No. 7968: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No Resolution directing the Deputy City Treasurer (Finance Director) to
	Assessm	tice of the Sale of Properties subject to the Lien of a Delinquent ent; ratifying all actions previously taken; and providing other matters relating thereto. 2:54 PM
	directing	nendation: Staff recommends Council adopt Resolution No the Deputy City Treasurer (Finance Director) to send notice of sale to the delinquent property owners in the applicable special assessment

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. _____.

Resolution No. 7968 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.4 Reconveyance of Putnam Drive

H.4.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Approval of reconveyance of Putnam Drive, a street access east of the intersection of Putnam Drive and Coleman Drive, located on parcels 002-040-62, 002-551-20, 002-553-01 and a portion of parcel 002-551-19, to Sierra Pacific Power Company, dba NV Energy. Sierra Pacific Power Company dedicated Putnam Drive to the City of Reno. The City of Reno has not accepted the dedication. [Ward 5] 2:54 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends:

- 1) Council approval of Resolution No. ______, finding that reconveyance of all rights, title, or interest to Sierra Pacific Power Company, dba NV Energy, of Putnam Drive (Parcel Map 3197) is in the best interest of the City and its residents and setting forth any additional terms of the reconveyance.
- 2) If the resolution is approved, Council authorization for the Mayor to issue a written offer of reconveyance to Sierra Pacific Power Company, dba NV Energy, providing among other things that the offer to be accepted within 45 days unless Council withdraws the offer.

Proposed Motion:

- 1) I move to approve Resolution No. ______, that reconveyance of all rights, title, or interest to Sierra Pacific Power Company, dba NV Energy, of Putnam Drive is in the best interest of the City and its residents and setting forth any additional terms of the reconveyance.
- 2) I move to authorize the Mayor to issue a written offer of reconveyance to Sierra Pacific Power Company, dba NV Energy, of the City's rights, title or interest in Putnam Drive.

Bill Gall, Community Development Senior Civil Engineer, presented a brief overview of the Staff Report.

Discussion ensued regarding details of the request for reconveyance.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Sharon Zadra, Council MemberSECONDER:Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

H.4.2 **Resolution No. 7969**: Resolution No. _______ (For Possible Action): Resolution pursuant to NRS 268.050 determining that the reconveyance of a roadway known as Putnam Drive, offered for dedication to the City of Reno on Parcel Map 3197, with the offer deemed to remain open pursuant to NRS 278.390 located on parcels 002-040-62, 002-551-20, 002-553-01 and a portion of parcel 002-551-19, is in the best interest of the City of Reno and its residents and setting forth the terms of such conveyance, and authorizing the Mayor to issue an offer of reconveyance to Sierra Pacific Power Company. [Ward 5] 2:57 PM

Resolution No. 7969 was adopted.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member
SECONDER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

I Ordinances - Introduction

J Standard Department Items

Community Development

J.1 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and approval of the FY14/15 Action Plan outlining funding allocations for the program year for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). 2:59 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the FY14/15 Action Plan for submission to HUD.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Fred Turnier, Community Development Director, presented an overview of the Staff Report.

Council Member Brekhus said that with the expiration of the Community Assistance Center (CAC) payment, the City had the opportunity to think more comprehensively and strategically about their next commitment to homeless services, and suggested that through the housing needs analysis the City was mandated to make every five years, the City could consider using HOME funds and perhaps some Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to help move the homeless into housing. She asked if it would be possible to include downtown Reno housing opportunities that were market rate or lower than market rate, or if the funds were more narrowly applied only to the housing needs of low to moderate income people.

Mr. Turnier said that there were areas in downtown Reno that were eligible for the location of these facilities.

Council Member Brekhus said that on the broader CDBG front, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), who has the lion's share of the taxpayers' money for transportation improvements in the region, needs to robustly implement the pedestrian and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) transition plan, and perhaps Reno doing \$50,000 here and there is perhaps not the best use of the funds. She reiterated that the ADA transition plan should be prioritized at the RTC level, suggested the possibility of matching the City's CDBG funds with sewer monies to repair aging sewer pipes in low to moderate income areas, and questioned whether the loans the City recently provided with CDBG funds was the most effective use of those funds.

John Flansberg, Director of Public Works, said that a couple of years ago the City had used CDBG funds as part of a project retrofit in the Oliver/Carville area, and he would request that the City do so again in the Oliver/Montello area. He said that CDBG funds could be used to replace laterals and mainlines.

Council Member Brekhus requested that staff provide Mr. Turnier with a list of five 'hot spot' areas where it might be prudent to allocate CDBG funding on an annual basis.

Council Member Brekhus requested that staff also provide additional information regarding the CDBG loan program.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation and approved the Action Plan.

MOVER: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Oscar Delgado, Council Member

SECONDER: Neoma Jardon, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

Public Works

J.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion and possible direction to staff to proceed with a Business Impact Study and Ordinance amendment to Reno Municipal Code, Chapter 5.90 entitled "Franchises" to impose a Local Utility License Fee on Alternative Sellers of Natural Gas. 3:18 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval to proceed with a Business Impact Study and Ordinance amendment to impose a Local Utility License Fee on Alternative Sellers of Natural Gas.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Dwight Dortch, Vice Mayor
SECONDER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

City Manager's Office

J.3	Resolution No. 7965: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Resolution No
	Resolution of the City Council of the City of Reno Finding in
	necessary to reduce staff of the Reno Fire Department and authorizing the
	City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement
	this Resolution for FY13/14. 1:18 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council adopt this resolution, finding it necessary to reduce staff of the Reno Fire Department and authorizing the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement this Resolution for FY13/14.

Proposed Motion: I move to adopt Resolution No. ______.

The following 24 individuals presented Public Comment Forms in opposition to the proposed reduction in force (RIF) in the Reno Fire Department (RFD), but did not wish to speak: 1) Claire Munoz, 531 Roseben Court; 2) Robert Kievit, 1845 Kinglet Drive; 3) Chris Taylor, 50 Connie Way; 4) John Stevens, 2960 Everett Drive; 5) Clarence F. McCarthy, P.O. Box 20741; 6) Jon Eric Johnson, 17635 Baileyville Court; 7) Spencer Williams, 2348 Crestone Drive; 8) Trevor Hall,

14410 Ghostrider Drive; 9) Paul Salerno, 1455 Springfield Park Drive; 10) Bryan Biggs, 4015 Perro Lane; 11) Ken McLellan, 3200 Creekside Lane; 12) Paul Patocka, 1009 Village Knoll Drive; 13) Rich Richhart, 984 Country Ridge Drive; 14) Sonny Snodgrass, 248 Bartmess Boulevard; 15) Rick Vawter, 2424 Newcastle Way; 16) Steve Sack, 9060 Rising Moon Drive; 17) Wesley Boatman, 2075 Red Willow Drive; 18) Trevor Alt, 2946 Silverton Way, Sparks; 19) Wayne Tellez, 385 Sunset Springs Lane; 20) Rick Canadry, 1605 Spicewood Circle; 21) Danelle Snodgrass, 748 Sterling Hills Court; 22) Dwight Snodgrass, 748 Sterling Hills Court; 23) Larry Schmidt, 2904 La Cresta Circle, Minden; and 24) Phyllis Schmidt, 2904 La Cresta Circle, Minden.

The following six (6) individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed Reno Fire Department RIF: 1) Maya Buchanan, 2050 Heavenly View Trail; 2) Jason Eastman, 17686 Frost Peak Court; 3) Jennifer Miceli with Mike Pilcher, 2075 Red Willow Drive; 4) Seth Williams, 6898 Chesterfield Lane; 5) Dennis Jacobsen, 1630 Eli Drive, President of the International Associate of Fire Firefighters (IAFF) Local #731; and 6) Sam Dehne, Reno resident.

Council Member Dortch said that two years ago he said that all the City was doing was buying time when they accepted the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, and did not approve of the labor concessions because they did not go far enough. He discussed the average salary of Reno's firefighters (\$129,320), previous concessions made by the firefighters which were due to expire in June, and the challenges faced by the City in negotiating their labor contracts. Council Member Dortch stated that if the firefighters wanted to save the 35 firefighters, they should help the City do so.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the citizens of Reno would be safe if the proposed RIF was implemented.

Michael Hernandez, Reno Fire Chief, said that whether the citizens of Reno would be safe were the RIF to be implemented was a difficult question to answer, but he could say that with the RIF, the RFD would be operating 11 stations, two truck companies, response times in certain areas would increase, they would not have their two-man rescue apparatus, the Somersett, Skyline and North Virginia stations would be closed, and those districts would be covered by other fire stations. Chief Hernandez said that the closure of the stations would typically add anywhere from two to four minutes to response times into those areas and, although it would be a challenge for the organization, he believed that they would step up and meet the challenge. He stated that he believed that the citizens of Reno would be safe, although it would be a difficult time for the organization.

Council Member Brekhus asked if staff could be prepared to return at the next

meeting with the detailed operational approach they would be using in the future so that people would know where the most challenging areas were. She noted that the Council last year approved 1) a North Valleys community for which its developer was prepared to build a fire station for the City, and 2) a subdivision in the Verdi area that would include an increase of 300 residential units, and asked if the RFD would be able to serve these new outlying areas.

Chief Hernandez replied that the Cold Springs area developer is being required to build a road connecting the Stead Fire Station to that area which will allow the RFD to service the area, and the Verdi area development is proximal to the Boomtown area, which is currently served by a fire station that will not be closed or browned out.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City was moving into a day when the citizens of Reno had different expectations in service levels for fire response, and if the woman who built her house in Somersett and spoke during public comment was in a more vulnerable situation than a resident, for instance, of the Old Southwest, and could expect a different level of service going forward whereas previously RFD had been consistent with their service levels across the jurisdiction.

Chief Hernandez said that the closing of the Somersett station is nothing new; that station has been closed because of its location and low call volume (typically 150 calls a year). He said that he did not like closing fire stations, but questioned whether the Somersett station warrants a full time crew (24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year). He said that the RFD does not offer alternate level of service to the citizens of Reno, and always tries to deliver the exact same level of service to the entire community within the time and parameters they have established.

Council Member Brekhus asked whether the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget included 14 new firefighters this year.

City Manager Clinger replied that the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget included the retention of 15 of the 50 firefighters that had been employed on the two-year SAFER Grant.

Council Member Brekhus asked if it was a higher public safety priority to bring on and send through the Police Academy four new law enforcement officers or to preserve an additional five to seven firefighters who were already trained.

City Manager Clinger said that the four Reno Police Department (RPD) positions to which Council Member Brekhus referred were not new positions but rather positions that already existed in the budget. Mr. Clinger said that the City had experienced a 50% increase in RFD General Fund expenditures since 1999 (before Fire Department consolidation), while over that same period RPD had experienced a 29% increase in expenditures. We examined priorities, he said, and think that what we have presented is the best allocation of resources.

Council Member Brekhus said that the City needs an updated operational analysis of both the RFD and RPD, including priorities and staffing levels.

Council Member Schieve stated that she did not think a price could be put on a life, and she thought they should be careful about quid pro quo here. She reminded the Council that they had approved a Strategic Plan that put public safety first, and stated that she knew for a fact that they had prioritized certain things that she did not feel the City should be subsidizing, and wanted everyone to think about that. She said that what really concerned her was that it was not a matter of if but when because the last three winters had been so dry, and she was concerned about what was ahead. So when we're talking about this, she said, we need to have more discussion on how we save all 35, because it comes down to prioritizing. Council Member Schieve said that she was knocking on doors every single day, and knew that people were rightfully concerned about this issue.

Council Member Jardon asked if under current contractual obligations the Fire Chief had the ability to staff fire stations based on station location, call volume and call type, and if he (the Fire Chief) currently had the ability to staff the Somersett Fire Station with a two-person crew.

Chief Hernandez replied that the only option currently available was to utilize a two-person rescue crew on a modified pick-up truck that carried specialized medical and extraction equipment and was utilized in conjunction with other apparatus. He said that while he did have the ability to do so, prior to implementing a plan to staff the Somersett Fire Station with a two-person crew, he would have to sit down with the labor group to negotiate, discuss and address safety concerns relative to staffing that particular model.

Council Member Dortch asked whether that type of negotiation had been tried, and Chief Hernandez replied that they had met once and held significant discussions regarding safety concerns the labor group had with the plan.

Council Member Dortch asked if it would be possible to contract with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA) to provide that service.

Chief Hernandez said that he had reached out to REMSA with respect to having

an ambulance placed in the Somersett area, but the call volume did not warrant a permanently staffed (stationed) medical unit in that location.

Council Member Dortch asked if it would be possible to contract a rescue unit with REMSA, and Chief Hernandez said that there was 'exclusive right to serve' language in the labor contract.

Council Member Jardon said that in 2013 there were 154 calls for service at Station No. 19 in Somersett, and asked how many of those calls were for fire.

Chief Hernandez replied that while he did not have the relevant statistics available at the meeting, there were perhaps three to six calls for fire service at the Somerset station in 2013; a disproportionate number of calls were for emergency medical service.

Council Member Jardon said that having a high number of calls for medical service is probably common in a community with a large number of seniors, and asked what was the average split for fire versus medical calls for service.

Chief Hernandez said that the rule of thumb in the United States, and in this community as well, is typically an 80/20 split with 80% to 85% of the calls being for medical services and the remaining 20% (or 15%) for fire, hazardous materials, rescues, false alarms, etc.

Council Member Jardon noted that Reno currently employs in the RFD four Division Chiefs, six Battalion Chiefs and 42 Captains, some of whom are paid twice as much as other personnel in the RFD, and suggested the possibility of reducing the number of higher paid positions in order to save other positions.

Chief Hernandez said that negotiations with both labor groups were ongoing, and he could not, therefore, answer Council Member Jardon's question.

City Manger Clinger said that the City's labor agreement with the Reno Fire Department Administrators' Association (RFDAA) required that the City have four Division Chiefs and six Battalion Chiefs, and if the City wanted to reduce the number of Division and Battalion Chiefs, they would have to negotiate that with the labor organization.

Council Member Jardon stated that restrictions in the contracts did not allow the City to do some of the things they would like to do, and Chief Hernandez stated that the City was bound by the terms of the contract.

Council Member Delgado and Chief Hernandez discussed the history of the

SAFER grant. Chief Hernandez said that the City originally (approximately four and a half years ago) applied for 10 positions, followed by a request for an additional 64 positions, which brought the total to 74. He said that 14 positions were eliminated through attrition, which brought the total down to the 50 positions they were seeking funding for during the last SAFER Grant application period. Once we were notified that we did not get the SAFER Grant, he said, we looked internally for cost savings to fund as many positions as possible, and while some were one-time funds, we were able to identify enough to save 15 firefighter positions. Chief Hernandez stated that staff continued to look for other alternatives to offset that number, and as things currently stood, the RFD would be left with approximately 217 firefighters.

Council Member Zadra asked the City Manager to address comments suggesting that the City had not considered all of the available options, and to confirm that staff had explored every option and every opportunity to identify additional resources to keep the firefighters employed.

City Manager Clinger explained that staff had been working on the budget for months, and had completely retooled it in an attempt to identify funding for as many of the 50 firefighters as possible after they received notification that the City would not receive the SAFER Grant. He said that staff spent countless hours looking for savings to help fund the positions and, as was presented to the Council the previous week, had taken some one-time funding opportunities (namely Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) funds) to set the City up to be able to fund 15 of the 50 firefighters positions on a permanent basis. Mr. Clinger said that using the RTC funds to retain all 35 of the firefighters had been considered, but in the end it came down to a choice between funding 35 firefighters for one year or funding 15 firefighters permanently. If we fund those 35 firefighters for one year, he said, we will be talking about layoffs again a year from now, and potentially 35 layoffs, or we can use the RTC funds for one-time spending to free up ongoing dollars.

Council Member Zadra asked staff to respond to statements during public comment that fire station brown-outs and closures would put them at risk because of longer response times, identify which stations would be browned-out or closed, what response times would be to those neighborhoods, and how that compared to national standards.

Chief Hernandez said that the RFD attempts to maintain a six to eight minute response time to all of their calls, both medical and fire. He said that the Somersett area is primarily served by the Mae Anne Avenue Fire Station at the bottom of the hill and trucks from that station can get into the central part of the Somersett area within six to nine minutes, although it does take longer, perhaps

nine to 11 minutes, to get to the farthest end of the Somersett area. He noted that response times depend on time of day, road conditions, etc., the City has been servicing the Somersett area from that station, and it would be an option moving forward.

Chief Hernandez said that the City has three stations within three and a half miles of District 10, and Station No. 2 (Sutro Street), Station No. 4 (University of Nevada, Reno), and Station No. 8 (Kings Road) will be moving in District 10's territory. Their response time will be increased, he said, but the typical response time without red lights and sirens from those three stations into the central part of District 10 is six minutes, and if they run with red lights and sirens, that six minutes is lessened. He reiterated that while it was an increase in response time, it would be a minimal increase, and the RFD could still serve the area within their response criteria.

Council Member Zadra asked if the RFD's standards conformed to national standards and the Standards of Cover study the City and Washoe County participated in several years ago.

Chief Hernandez said that the City sets its own standards, and had adopted standard response criteria of six to eight minutes. We will be on those edges, he said, and reiterated that response times depend on the location of the call, the distance from which the RFD responds to a call, road conditions, time of day, and availability of resources that are responding into those districts.

Council Member Schieve said that her big issue was taking the General Fund and spending it on anything other than core services, and asked how much the City of Reno would get if Nevada Land, LLC, paid their property taxes.

Robert Chisel, Finance Director, replied that the issue currently resided with the Washoe County District Attorney's Office, and the unpaid property taxes totaled approximately \$1.5 million, of which Reno's General Fund would receive approximately \$360,000. He clarified that the amount was the total of several years' accumulation of unpaid property taxes.

Council Member Schieve said that there were some things in the budget that were not core services, and Council Members should remember that the City had to make public safety a priority. It all comes down to the General Fund for me, she said, and has been since I stepped into my seat.

Council Member Brekhus noted that the RFD would have 217 firefighters if the Council approved the City Manager's recommendation, and asked what was a right-sized fire department for the City of Reno.

Chief Hernandez replied that if money were no object, he would keep existing staffing levels because they currently had the ability to staff stations when they needed to, and close stations when they needed to meet their budgetary limitations.

Council Member Brekhus asked if any changes to the response time criteria would be necessary as a result of today's action, and Chief Hernandez answered that he would not be bringing back any changes to the response time criteria as a result of today's action. Chief Hernandez said that the RFD would make every effort to respond within the time limits, and would address the situation accordingly if it appeared they were starting to not meet those criteria in a significant statistical manner.

Council Member Brekhus said that the public should be given the information necessary to help them understand that there has been a change in the service levels they can expect, that the City is hoping to stay within existing levels of service, and will continue to evaluate their performance on an ongoing basis.

Chief Hernandez said that the RFD had been working with the medical director to modify the types of calls to which the RFD responds. He said that while the RFD currently responds to 100% of the calls they receive, some of which could be classified as nuisance calls, they will begin responding to the highest priority calls, and take steps to modify their responses within the community to keep their units available. This is a difficult and challenging time, he said, and we are going to do everything we can to meet it.

Council Member Brekhus asked if today's action would put additional demands on REMSA, and Chief Hernandez stated that the demands were always there. Whether it is a nuisance call of not, he said, REMSA responds, but whether we respond to augment their service is a different question. Chief Hernandez also said that he would be meeting with REMSA to discuss changes in Reno's response criteria and the impacts that the closings of Reno fire stations will have on REMSA's operating system.

Council Member Jardon noted that the City of Sparks and Washoe County have three-person crews, and asked if Reno would be able to keep all of their fire stations open if they could utilize three-person crews.

Chief Hernandez said that the short answer is 'Yes'. He said that there are some stations that he would not staff with a three-person crew, laying off 35 people would impact the RFD whether or not they utilized three-person or four-person crews and, while having three-person crews might allow the RFD to open up an

additional station, they were beyond that to what he calls the 'deck' or 'basement'.

Council Member Jardon asked if the increase in response time would be lessened if the RFD had a three-person crew to staff the three browned-out stations.

Chief Hernandez stated that the short answer is 'Yes', if Reno had a three-person crew option they could open more stations, which would improve response times.

Council Member Delgado reiterated that the City of Reno applied for a SAFER Grant for 50 firefighter positions and was denied funding, and staff was able to find long-term stability for 15 firefighters, which dropped the number of unfunded positions down to 35. He stated that public safety was the first priority of everyone on the Council, but they also had to find a way to pay for it. Council Member Delgado noted that some of the people who spoke during public comment said that they did not want to have to keep coming back to discuss layoffs, and the Council and staff were attempting to find a way to provide the long-term sustainability necessary to ensure that no one had to have this discussion again.

Chief Hernandez stated that his path forward would be to keep the 15 firefighters and keep the positions sustainable, and in future budgets he would request an increase in staffing as they moved forward to get the RFD to a point where they could reopen their stations and keep them sustainable. He said that no one enjoyed this process, including the 35 firefighters looking at a potential pink slip, and he too did not want to go through this process again.

Council Member Delgado asked if it was possible that some of the more senior members of the RFD would consider retiring in order to keep some of the less senior members of the RFD employed, and said that he was not sure that delaying today's action would result in finding a way to save additional positions, especially considering the budget deadline. He asked Chief Hernandez to discuss efforts he has made to help the firefighters facing layoffs find long-term sustainable employment.

Chief Hernandez said that once the City received notice that they had not been awarded a SAFER Grant, he immediately reached out to his colleagues from Texas to California, and received some very positive responses. He said that Fire Chief Doan of the Boise, Idaho, Fire Department was willing to take up to ten of Reno's firefighters, and nine had applied. He said that his friend in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was considering taking in some of Reno's firefighters, and North Lake Tahoe was also recruiting firefighters. While not a solution, he said, it is an option I wanted our firefighters to have, and we are as well looking at some internal options to offset the number of layoffs. Chief Hernandez said that he has

received e-mails from some of RFD's senior members who expressed an interest in retiring if it would save a job, and while there were costs incurred when separating an employee from the City (cash-outs, pay-outs, unemployment benefits, etc.), the plan moving forward would be to bring back laid off employees when funding permitted.

City Manager Clinger added that the RPD was recruiting police officers, and there was an opportunity for firefighters to apply for those positions.

Steve Pitts, Chief of Police, said that the RPD offered their unfilled positions to firefighters who might be interested in retraining to become police officers, and so far seven firefighters had begun the testing process. He said that, depending on budget approval, there were up to 10 open positions.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City would be more at risk if they did not fill the open positions in the RPD.

Chief Pitts said that the RPD was at the same staffing level as it was in 1991 with double the jurisdictional responsibility. We lost 140 positions in 2009 and 2010 when the recession began, he said, 60 of which were by RIF, and we developed a deconstruction plan to get us out of grants and rebuild the department incrementally over the next several years. Yes I do have safety concerns about not filling those ten vacant positions, he stated, safety concerns for my people out there.

Council Member Brekhus asked if what the citizens of Reno should take away from this is that both the RPD and RFD are 'in the basement.'

Chief Pitts explained that there are four horses that work in public safety - it is not police by itself, and it is not fire. The first, he said, is the community; we (police and fire alike) do not solve crimes without the community, we do not get the calls for service without the community, and we do not solve community problems without the community. Then there are law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services, he said, so there are four horsemen, and the four horsemen in this Valley have done a significant job of keeping this community safe. Chief Pitts said that it upset him tremendously to see young men and women lose their jobs, and reiterated that the RPD went through the same thing in 2009 and 2010. The RDP had to reinvent ourselves after 2009-2010, he said, and the Council supported our doing that, and if our request to fill the 10 vacant positions in the RPD is approved, we will hire ten of the firefighters whose positions are to be eliminated.

Mayor Cashell asked how many people in the RFD had been laid off.

Chief Hernandez responded that the SAFER Grant monies had allowed the RFD to keep all 64 of the firefighters whose positions had been in jeopardy, therefore no layoffs had occurred in the RFD.

Mayor Cashell noted that Dennis Jacobsen (IAFF Local #731 President) approached the Council several months saying that the union was willing to do some flexible scheduling that would allow the City to put two-man crews in certain areas, but the Council rejected the offer.

Chief Hernandez said that the economic impacts of the recession had hit the community hard, and the RFD would, much like the RPD did, modify how they respond to calls for service within the confines that they had the ability to manage. To put things into perspective, he said, in 1999, prior to consolidation, the RFD had 255 firefighters and in 60 days we will have 217. We will make every effort to meet those response times, he said, and we will make every effort to ensure that our citizens are well protected.

Mayor Cashell noted that the budget deadline was fast approaching, and requested that the Council adopt the resolution finding it necessary to reduce staff of the RFD and authorize the City Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions to implement the resolution for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. He requested that before the budget deadline the City Manager continue to explore potential retirements and anything else that could help save positions.

Council Member Schieve said that she now had the figures before her, and Nevada Land, LLC owed around \$259,000 in property taxes to the Reno Redevelopment Agency, and \$338,000 to the City of Reno (i.e., around \$600,000). She asked how many of the Council Members had been on a police or fire 'ride along', and stated that she hoped the other Council Members could truly feel their (the 35 firefighters') pain.

Mayor Cashell stated that anyone who likes laying off or firing people is a sick person, and everyone at the City feels the pain of the 35 firefighters and their families whose positions are at risk.

Council Member Jardon agreed that layoffs affect peoples' lives, and that no one at the City took that lightly. She thanked Chief Hernandez for reaching out to help the firefighters find somewhere to land, and requested that the City Manager continue to seek opportunities and negotiate ways to keep Reno's fire stations open.

Council Member Brekhus questioned some of the language included in the

resolution, and staff responded to her concerns.

Council Member Dortch noted that the City was still involved in negotiations with its labor groups, and said that the union members had the ability to make concessions that would help save some of the 35 positions that were at risk of being eliminated. He said that he would be willing to match any percentage the union was willing to make in concessions, agreed that no one wanted to see people laid off, and thanked Chief Hernandez for helping the firefighters find jobs. Council Member Dortch said that in his discussions with Reno citizens about the City's unions, what he often heard was that they were overpaid.

Council Member Schieve reiterated that one cannot put a price on a life. If it was your family member or your house, she said, you would think different. I'm just telling you what I'm hearing, she explained.

Council Member Brekhus and staff discussed the fact that the Fire Chief was the only non-civil service employee in the RFD, and whether the position of Fire Chief was required by the City's Charter.

Council Member Jardon and Chief Hernandez discussed the possibility of having some of the 42 Captains, 6 Battalion Chiefs, 4 Division Chiefs or senior members of the RFD who were close to retirement step down now in order to save some of the younger firefighters who were going to be laid off.

Council Member Brekhus asked if the City Manager had any intention of eliminating the position of Fire Chief, and City Manager Clinger replied that he did not have any intention of eliminating the position of Fire Chief.

Resolution No. 7965 was adopted.

Council Member Schieve requested that the City Manager consider her concerns about subsidizing the Baseball Stadium and the possibility of revising the REMSA contract in the process of looking at how to pay for core services.

Council Member Jardon noted that the Baseball Stadium contract came up with great regularity during their talks, and clarified that \$750,000 of the \$850,000 payment over the next four and a half years was for the repayment of the fire station construction loan, something the City was obligated for anyway.

City Manager Clinger noted that the Council took action at a joint meeting with Washoe County and the City of Sparks to go down the path that they did with regard to REMSA, and said that if the Council wanted to go in a different direction staff could bring back an item to discuss that at the May 7, 2014, budget

meeting.

Council Member Schieve requested that such an item be placed on the May 7, 2014, agenda.

RESULT:ADOPTED [5 TO 2]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Jenny Brekhus, Council MemberAYES:Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Dortch, Jardon

NAYS: Oscar Delgado, Hillary Schieve

K City Clerk

K.1 Boards and Commissions Appointments

a. Historical Resources Commission (For Possible Action)

Alicia Barber was appointed to fill Barrie Schuster's unexpired State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) position on the Historical Resources Commission.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jenny Brekhus, Council Member
SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

K.2 Staff Report (For Possible Action): Discussion, direction to staff and potential approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County for conducting the 2014 and 2016 Primary and General Municipal Elections (General Fund). (For Possible Action) 3:19 PM

Recommendation: Staff recommends Council approval of the Interlocal Agreement with Washoe County for conducting the 2014 and 2016 Municipal Elections and authorization for the Mayor to sign.

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

The Council upheld the staff recommendation.

RESULT:APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]MOVER:Dwight Dortch, Vice MayorSECONDER:Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

L Mayor and Council

L.1 Identification of Mayor and Council Items for future agendas of the Reno City Council. 3:19 PM

Council Member Schieve requested that staff review the terms of the REMSA (Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority) agreement, including the impact of not charging a REMSA fee, and contract length and operational issues to include dispatch and transport. Council Member Jardon requested that the review of the REMSA agreement also include legal counsel input, options available, and what the plan might be should something change.

Council Member Brekhus requested an update on the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) Kietzke Lane right-of-way relinquishment program, and an update in memorandum form regarding the proposed drive-through Starbucks at the corner of Liberty and Virginia streets.

Council Member Jardon requested a report detailing the Baseball Stadium's performance and economic development in the area, etc. She also proposed requesting quarterly economic updates from a representative of the Baseball Stadium.

L.2 Liaison Reports

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.3 Reports from any conferences or professional meetings. 3:21 PM

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.4 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager to utilize two or more hours of staff time to prepare and update and presentation regarding the #ThinkReno Idea Portal. [Delgado] 3:21 PM

Council Member Delgado said that preparing the update would probably not take two hours, and could be done via memorandum.

Cadence Matijevich, Assistant City Manager, said that staff had been providing the Council with monthly updates, and requested clarification with respect to what the memorandum should provide.

Council Member Delgado said that he would like to have more information regarding what was next, what staff did with the #ThinkReno information, etc.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

L.5 Discussion and potential direction to the City Manager regarding adoption of a resolution urging members of Congress to support postal service reform legislation. [Schieve] 3:21 PM

The Council approved the use of two or more hours of staff time to prepare the resolution.

RESULT: APPROVAL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Hillary Schieve, Council Member
SECONDER: Sharon Zadra, Council Member

AYES: Cashell, Brekhus, Zadra, Delgado, Dortch, Jardon, Schieve

M Public Hearings - 6:00 PM - None.

N Public Comment

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS ITEM.

O Adjournment (For Possible Action)

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:25 P.M.